

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, March 10, 2014, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair; Karen A. Lynch, Secretary; Susan Rancourt, Treasurer; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell, John P. Saviano and Lynn Wainwright; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel; and Pauline Silva, Director of Administration and Finance

Deployed: John Bento, Vice-chair

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC FORUM

None.

Chairman Silva stated that an executive session would not be necessary at the start of the meeting. He added that the Superintendent's Recommendations would be enacted upon after the presentations listed on the agenda.

AGENDA FOCUS

Colt Andrews School Presentation

Patrick Lattuca introduced the presentation for Colt Andrews School by having students recite the Colt Andrews' Mission Statement. Throughout the presentation individual students described their experiences in various student groups. Several demonstrations were conducted by staff and students showcasing a typical exercise break, a dance routine and a choral number.

The following additional items were highlighted:

- 2013/2014 School Improvement Team Goals**
- Technology Initiative**
- Learning Looks Program**
- Parents Group**
- Community Support**
- Safety Patrol Program**
- Student Government**
- Community Outreach**
- Presentation of new Colt Andrews symbol/mascot**

NECAP Results Presentation

Dr. Andrade stated that the NECAP presentation will focus on Bristol Warren's districtwide and school level NECAP results. In addition, successful systems and structures currently in place within the District will be highlighted.

The NECAP results for math, reading and writing were presented and explained. Questions from the School Committee were discussed.

Dr. Andrade spoke about Hugh Cole School which has shown continuous improvement of their NECAP results. He highlighted the excellent Professional Learning Community in place at Hugh Cole School, and commended their efforts. Dr. Andrade also commended the professional learning communities throughout the District as well.

Dr. Andrade announced that Rockwell School is currently one of the top five schools in the State.

Dr. Andrade closed by stating that Bristol Warren Regional Schools are a model for other districts in the State who look to our systems and structures for learning. He said there are still areas of learning that could improve within the District. Dr. Andrade emphasized the importance of focusing on those learning systems and structures that are successful and to strive in areas that need improvement. The following recommendations were made:

A relentless FOCUS on learning for all students:

- **Instruction that promotes student engagement and critical thinking**
- **Empower students ڀ student ownership**
- **Set and communicate high expectations.**

Ms. Nina Murphy came to the podium and asked the following questions:

- 1. Will the PARCC testing timeframe be the same as NECAP?**
- 2. What is the mechanism by which teacher's receive NECAP scores in order to allow teacher's to "drilldown"?**

Dr. Andrade answered stating that PARCC testing is conducted twice a year; in the spring and at the end of the year. Dr. Andrade explained the mechanism by which teacher's can receive individual NECAP results.

Mrs. Thies thanked Dr. Andrade and Mrs. Almeida for their presentation. She stated that on the surface the NECAP results may look stagnate at some grade levels, but when drilling down into the data, a more complex picture is evident. All data is used when planning forward. Mrs. Thies commended the gains made in NECAP results at Hugh Cole School which is the number one school for Title 1 free and reduced lunches in the District. Colt Andrews saw a 14% increase in free and reduced lunches from the academic years of 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 which is a dramatic change in the demographic. Colt Andrews is currently at 46% free and reduced

lunches.

Mrs. Thies closed by saying that Hugh Cole is a model for learning that can be replicated at other schools within the District. She emphasized that the one message of the Bristol Warren Regional School District is to serve and care for all students. Students are not separated out by the value of one student over another student. Mrs. Thies stated that the District has great expectations that all students will be a success which is evident at Hugh Cole School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDATION #S2014-10: Personnel

Chairman Silva informed the School Committee members that a revised copy of the Personnel Recommendations was distributed and would be voted upon.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for personnel recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

S2014-10 A-B: PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Guidance Coordinator for College and

Career Readiness (Part Time) as listed below:

- 1. Karen A. Ferreira Guidance Coordinator for College and Career Readiness (Part Time) – Mt. Hope High**

Effective: Immediately, for the Remainder of the 2013-14 school year

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position listed below for the 2013-14 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

SPRING COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Track (Outdoor) Asst. Coach Bruce Murgio**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:44 PM

Pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) for the following:

1. Administrator Contracts - Discussion

Chairman Silva stated that no action will be taken in Executive Session. The School Committee will only resume open session to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: At 9:29 p.m. Mr. Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 10:02 p.m. Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:02 PM

MOTION: At 10:02 PM Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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